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1. SUMMARY: AFGHAN GROUND AND AIR FORCES ARE MEETING CONTINUED
RESISTANCE IN THE TRIBAL REGIONS OF EASTERN AFGHANISTAN, AND THERE
HAS ALSO BEEN TROUBLE IN THE SOUTH. THE REGIME APPEARS TO BE TRYING
CONTAIN THE SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

2. KABUL IS FULL OF TALK ABOUT EXTENSIVE FIGHTING IN KONAR,
LAGHMAN, PAKTIA, AND NANGARHAR PROVINCES. WE HAVE RELIABLE REPORTS

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THAT ARMYUNITS NEAR JALALABAD HAVE REPEATEDLY BEEN RUNNING INTO
STRONG RESISTANCE, AND MUCH OF THE CITY OF KAMDESH IN NURISTAN,
HAS BEEN SAID TO BE LEVELED BY AIR ACTION. WE HAVE HEARD MANY
RUMORS (INCLUDING A REPORT IN BBC'S OCTOBER 31 BROADCAST IN URDU
AND HINDI) THAT, DURING ONE RECENT ACTION, 140 SOLDIERS AND A SOVIET
OFFICER, PERHAPS A GENERAL, HAVE BEEN KILLED IN ACTION IN EASTERN
AFGHANISTAN, ACCORDING TO OTHER REPORTS, FAIRLY RELIABLE, SEVERAL

WOUNDED SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO THE MILITARY HOSPITAL AT KABUL.

3. AMERICANS AT LASHKAR GAH IN SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN'S KANDAHAR PROVINCE REPORT THAT THERE HAS BEEN GENERAL UNREST AND TENSION IN THEIR REGION RECENTLY. ELECTRICAL POWER IN THE KANDAHAR-GIRISHK-LASHKAR GAH REGION WAS OFF FROM THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 30 UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 31, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF A SABOTAGE ACT AGAINST THE POWER LINE FROM THE KAJAKAI DAM. LASHKAR GAH HAS HAD ARMED PERSONNEL CARRIERS IN THE STREETS AND AT LEAST TWO TANKS. A 9:00 P.M.CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON OCTOBER 31. (THE CURFEW AT KABUL IS 11:00 P.M.) ALL AMERICANS THERE ARE REPORTEDLY SAFE, HOWEVER, AND THEIR MORAL IS REPORTEDLY GOOD.

4. THE AMERICANS AT LASHKAR GAH REPORT FURTHER THAT "FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS," THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TROUBLE IN THE UPPER HELMAND DISTRICTS OF KAJAKAI AND SANGIN (THE SITE OF UNFDAC'S PROPOSED OPIUM ERADICATION PROJECT). THEY HAVE SEEN ARMED PERSONNEL CARRIERS MOVING NORTHWARD FROM GIRISHK TOWARD THAT REGION. AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL, WHO RETURNED FROM THAT REGION ON NOVEMBER 1, REPORTS THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION ALONG THE ROAD BETWEEN LASHKAR GAH AND KABUL NOW APPEARS TO BE UNDER CONTROL. HE ALSO FOUND KANDAHAR UNDER INCREASED SECURITY, BUT QUIET.

5. COMMENT: ALL OF THE REGIONS INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT MILITARY OPERATION ARE EITHER NURISTANI OR PUSHTUN. IF THERE IS INDEED
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SERIOUS TROUBLE AT THE KAJAKAI POWER SITE, ITSELF, IT COULD ENDANGER ONE OF THE MAJOR SOURCES OF AFGHANISTAN'S HYDROELECTRIC POWER. (AMONG THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK TECHNICIANS AT KAJAKAI IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.) WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO CONFIRMATION OF THE BBC REPORT THAT A SOVIET OFFICER HAS BEEN KILLED.
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